



# Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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## Minutes – December 19, 2019

Chair Bob Christie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Nathan Mason (arrived 7:45 PM – he had informed the board he would be late); Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, and Mark Harris

**Agenda Review** – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda or addendum.

**Minutes – December 5, 2019** – Gary moved to approve the minutes as presented. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

**Expenditure Warrant 14** – Selectmen signed warrant 14 in the amount of \$107,585.01. Stu reported no unusual expenses, noting that the bulk of the expenses were for education and the snow plowing contract. A brief discussion followed on cash flow which has been favorable since the school department has not yet submitted a school tuition bill.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – Stu reported that for the first time in his memory, the town has not had to draw from the investment account prior to the end of the calendar year to cover expenses.

**Cell Tower Lease Buyout Offer** – Selectmen remarked that the offer from a company wanting to purchase the lease with American Tower would cut off future revenues. Kathleen remarked that the cell tower site would be stuck in a permanent easement. Bob remarked that the offer seems pretty minimal for revenue to the town. Selectmen expressed no interest in pursuing an offer to purchase the town's lease.

**Contract – Small Animal Clinic** – Bob remarked that a fox rabies issue has surfaced in a Southern Maine community. Jo moved to sign the dog and cat sheltering contract with Small Animal Clinic. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Stu reported that CEO Albright has written letters to property owners in the Marlboro area in regard to a pair of complaints. Kathleen noted that she is familiar with a home in one of the complaints and there is no separate apartment as alleged.

Mark Harris asked the board if they needed any additional information in regard to a complaint against Richard Arnold. Kathleen said the letters for just an FYI for the Board of Selectmen, and they are well aware of the situation in the neighborhood that has been ongoing for months. Mr. Harris said he was present in case the board needed further information. Bob said the letters were for information only, there was no action requested from the Selectmen.

Stu reported that the Town Attorney has taken over moving forward with action on an alleged Shoreland zoning violation in the Meadow Point area. Kathleen noted that the property in question is being actively marketed.

**Solar Project** – Stu reported that he wrote an update memorandum which is in the information packets this evening. There was a brief discussion about the federal subsidy auction, and identifying potential power buyers.

**Healthy Acadia Survey** – Jo said MDI Hospital is looking for residents to answer a survey. She said it's a fairly straightforward survey. Stu said he can send it to the community events e-mail list. There was no objection.

**Facilities Maintenance Director** – Stu reported that he reached an agreement with Michael Hodgkins to take the job. Gary moved to appoint Mr. Hodgkins as the Facilities Maintenance Director. Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Jo moved to approve the employment agreement with Mr. Hodgkins. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

**Lamoine 150!** – Jo noted that wine/juice glasses are now available. She said the next events will occur in January, and that on February 11<sup>th</sup>, people will be asked to take pictures of a day in the life of Lamoine. She said a parade committee is forming, and lots of help is needed with that event on August 15, 2020.

Kathleen asked if the logo is available electronically for items. Jo said logo items should go before the committee. Stu noted there is a cribbage tournament planned for January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jo said the Celebrating Our Story series seems to keep getting better. She said it's been a lot of work, but helps build the excitement. Bob said he's excited each time he drives the proposed parade route.

**Bloomfield Park Kiosk** – Stu reported that the fire department has volunteered to fix the kiosk which will avoid repair costs.

**Paving** – Stu reported the official MDOT list is out for next summer, and both Route 184 and Route 204 are on the list. Bob asked what hot maintenance mulch is. Stu said it's better known as "skinny mix".

**Budget – 2020/21** – Stu reported the Budget Committee has made its recommendations to the Selectmen for the budget. There was a brief discussion.

**Shoreland Zoning/Comprehensive Plan Hearing** – It was noted that the hearing is planned for January 20, 2020. Jo moved to sign the statement that notification was made to property owners whose property is proposed to be newly located to the Resource Protection Zone. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0, the notice was signed.**

Stu said the Comprehensive Plan hearing is also scheduled on that evening at the town hall. He said he had the UPS Store print up plenty of copies of the plan. A brief discussion followed on how the notices were made (posting, on the website, newspaper ad as required).

**Cupola Repairs** – Bob reported that Gary has experience with the company that is proposing to repair the cupola, as they also repaired the church steeple. He said the estimate seems to be in the ballpark, and the project should be done correctly. He said the bell project should be interesting. There was discussion about contacting the school about displaying the bell once it's removed from the town hall.

Gary moved to accept the bid from Mid Maine Restoration to remove the bell for \$1,860.00. Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stu said the Board had encumbered \$3,000 for the cupola at the end of the previous fiscal year. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Stu suggested that the cupola repair project be funded at the annual town meeting from the capital improvement fund for the current fiscal year, instead of funded in the 2020/21 fiscal year. He said that he would not expect any opposition to that, and suggested accepting the bid contingent on approval by the town meeting.

Gary moved to accept the bid from Mid Maine Restoration for the cupola/roof repairs at \$11,850, contingent on approval by the town meeting in March. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Bob said he spent some time looking over the budget. Stu noted that while \$25,000 was in the line for community center, the plan was to present something to the town meeting in May when the school budget comes up, as the study committee is still working on things. He said the discussion at the Budget Committee was allocating some money for a consultant to move a project forward based on the initial survey results.

**Goals** – Bob noted that Stu listed the cupola, Lamoine 150!, transfer station re-design, Community Center, better digitized tax records, and the town hall foundation among goals.

Kathleen said once the Comprehensive Plan is finally approved, there should be some sort of committee to evaluate how well the town is following the plan, and where things stand. A brief discussion followed.

Bob said there should be some discussion about a succession plan for the Administrative Assistant position as Stu approaches retirement age.

There was a discussion about the town hall foundation, possibly moving the building back from the road, and increasing parking.

**Walker Road** – It was noted that a resident was upset by the recent tree trimming on Walker Road, and a brief discussion followed. No action was either warranted or taken.

Stu said the same resident also asked if something could be done about the speed limit. He said he would be happy to contact Maine DOT about surveying the speed limit in the spring. There was no objection.

**Lamoine Quarterly** – Stu said he plans to work on the Quarterly in the coming week.

**Other** – Bob thanked the Budget Committee for their work this fall. He said he also liked having a printed town employee contact list.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 2, 2020. Stu said he did not expect a big agenda to develop during the holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen